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In re application of:

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Examiner: Julian W. Woo

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge \$1050 to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.